

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 3251

LIMDIS

EO 11652 GDS

TAGS MMOL, MPOL, KS

SUBJECT WITHDRAWAL OF M-60 TANKS

1. MINISTER NATIONAL DEFENSE SUH HAS APPROACHED AMBASSADOR REQUESTING RECONSIDERATION "ON POLITICAL GROUNDS" OF DECISION TO WITHDRAW M-60 TANK BATTALION FROM SECOND DIVISION. GENERAL STILWELL INFORMS ME THAT THIS IS ASPECT OF BROAD ARMY REORGANIZATION PLAN, INVOLVING MOVEMENT OF TANKS TO GERMANY AND STRENGTHENING OF OTHER ELEMENTS SECOND DIVISION, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL TOW. GENERAL STILWELL HAS FULLY ADVISED SUH ON MERITS AND REASONS FOR SECOND DIVISION CHANGES IN COURSE OF CONVERSATIONS DURING PAST TWO MONTHS.

2. SUH SAID HE RECOGNIZED PROFESSIONAL MILITARY CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED, BUT ROKG IS CONCERNED THAT TANK MOVEMENT AT THIS TIME WILL BE MISUNDERSTOOD BY BOTH ROK PEOPLE AND NORTH KOREANS. HE MAY SIMPLY HAVE SPOKEN TO ME ON THIS MATTER FOR THE RECORD, BUT HERE OBVIOUSLY IS CONCERN AMONG ROKS ABOUT ANY CHANGES OF THIS KIND AT THIS TIME.

3. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.  
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